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- Public workshop update.
- Improvements you identified for Idaho 55 in Valley County.
- Next steps for the corridor study.

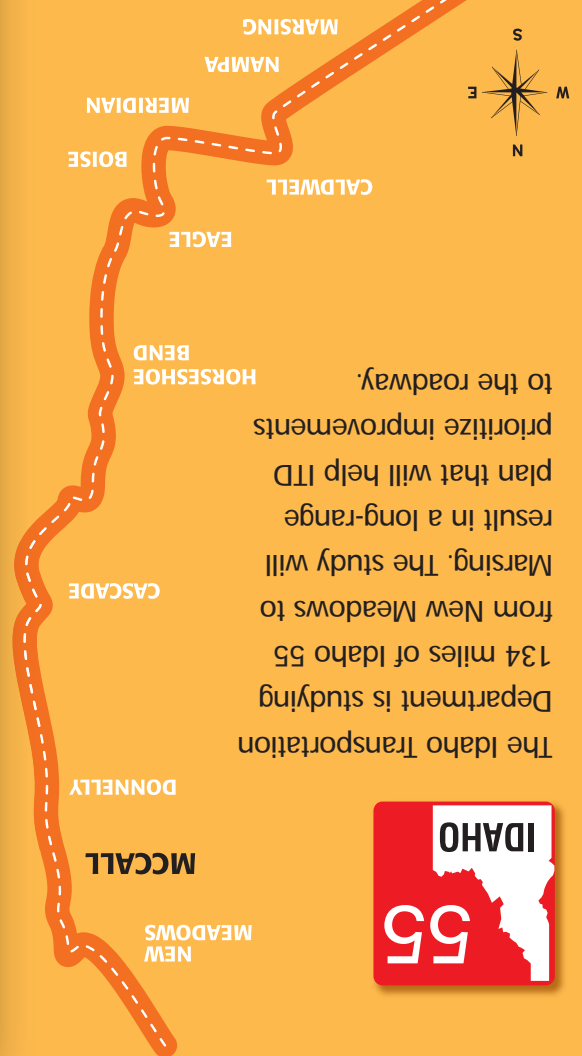
## WHAT'S INSIDE



# IDAHO 55 CORRIDOR STUDY NEWSLETTER VALLEY COUNTY

The Idaho Transportation Department has hosted seven public meetings in counties along Idaho 55 to gather comments about corridor needs and future improvements.

Look inside to read what we learned in Valley County.



The Idaho Transportation Department is studying 134 miles of Idaho 55 from New Meadows to Marsing. The study will result in a long-range plan that will help ITD prioritize improvements to the roadway.



## ABOUT THE IDAHO 55 CORRIDOR STUDY

Idaho 55 is one of the few north-south corridors that connects southern and

central Idaho. It begins in New Meadows, runs through six counties and ends just outside Marsing. More than 110 miles of the highway are designated the Payette River Scenic Byway for the beautiful mountain forests and whitewater rapids along the way.

The Idaho 55 corridor study includes 134 miles and six counties from New Meadows to Marsing. It involves:

- **Developing a long-range plan** that will help set policies and projects over the next 20 years.
- **Identifying current and future needs.** ITD will consider safety, access, traffic and environmental issues.
- **Gathering information** from engineering studies, community input, and city, county and highway district goals.
- **Setting priorities for improvements.**



## THANK YOU!

Approximately 45 people attended workshops in October 2008 in McCall. The workshops focused on improvements to Idaho 55 in Valley County. Another workshop will be held in Cascade early this summer.

### WHAT WE HEARD

Participants at the Valley County workshops asked ITD to improve:

#### SAFETY

- Lower the speed limit to 45 or 55 mph.
- Widen the roadway to accommodate left- or center-turn lanes and shoulders.
- Resurface or repair the roadway south of McCall.
- Add bicycle lanes, sidewalks and/or curbs.

#### TRAFFIC FLOW

- Add stoplights at various locations.
- Route trucks around McCall.

#### SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

Several participants identified specific intersections or mileposts for improvement. A detailed summary of comments is available on the project Web site at [itd.idaho.gov](http://itd.idaho.gov) (select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *Idaho 55 Corridor Study*).

### NEXT STEPS

You will be notified when the draft corridor plan is available for review.

Spring

2009

Summer/Fall

Finish conducting public workshops in cities along Idaho 55, including Cascade.

Distribute the draft corridor plan.

Fall/Winter

2009/2010

Winter

Work with local jurisdictions to conduct public hearings.

Publish the final corridor plan.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

about the Idaho 55 Corridor Study, visit [itd.idaho.gov](http://itd.idaho.gov) and select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *Idaho 55 Corridor Study*, or contact:

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